

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 111388

12

ORIGIN ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-11 STR-08 AGR-20 CEA-02 CIAE-00

COME-00 DODE-00 FRB-02 H-03 INR-10 INT-08 L-03 LAB-06

NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 AID-20 CIEP-02 SS-20

TAR-02 TRSE-00 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-03 FEA-02 OMB-01

SWF-02 /174 R

DRAFTED BY ARA/ECP:MADAVILA:PW

APPROVED BY ARA/ECP:WEKNEPPER

EB/OT/GCP:JEO'MAHONY

STR:SLANDE

ARA/CAR:WBWHEELER

----- 068011

R 282146Z MAY 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

UNCLAS STATE 111388

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, ETRD

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S TRADE CONSULTA-
TION IN BARBADOS

GEORGETOWN PASS CARICOM

1. DURING TRADE CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
FROM THE CARICOM COUNTRIES AS WELL AS HAITI AND THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN BARBADOS ON APRIL 27, 1974, AMBAS-
SADOR EBERLE OFFERED TO SEND A MEMORANDUM OF THE U.S.
UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONSULTATIONS. THE
MEMORANDUM SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO APPROPRIATE GOVERN-
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 111388

MENT OFFICIALS. NO REPLY IS EXPECTED THOUGH WE WOULD BE

PLEASED TO RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS THAT THESE OFFICIALS MAY WISH TO MAKE. THE MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE: ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1974, A DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES HEADED BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAM EBERLE MET WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM THE CARICOM NATIONS, HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE TRADE FIELD.

AT THIS MEETING AMBASSADOR EBERLE REVIEWED THE MAJOR PROVISIONS AND THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT (TRA) BILL WHICH HE HOPED WOULD BE PASSED BY CONGRESS THIS SUMMER. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TRA CONTAINS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE U.S. TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES (GSP) FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

HE THEN EXPRESSED THE HOPE OF SENDING AN INITIAL PRODUCT LIST, ON WHICH TARIFFS ON IMPORTS FROM DESIGNATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD BE REDUCED TO ZERO, TO THE TARIFF COMMISSION FOR STUDY AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE TRA IS ENACTED. AMBASSADOR EBERLE REQUESTED THAT THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES SUBMIT THEIR LIST OF PRODUCTS IN PRIORITY ORDER TO THE U.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ESPECIALLY PRIOR TO JUNE 30. AMBASSADOR EBERLE DESCRIBED THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE FOUR SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (TNC) IN GENEVA, I.E. TARIFF, NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, AGRICULTURE AND TROPICAL PRODUCTS AS WELL AS POSSIBILITIES FOR ESTABLISHING GROUPS ON SECTORS AND SAFEGUARDS. HE URGED THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND ACTIVELY IN THESE DISCUSSIONS IN ORDER TO HAVE AS WIDE A PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE AND TO ASSURE THAT THEIR INTERESTS WOULD BE PROTECTED. AMBASSADOR EBERLE ALSO REFERRED TO THE PROBLEM OF COMMODITIES THAT ARE SOMETIMES IN SHORT SUPPLY AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS PROBLEM COULD BEST BE TREATED BY DEVELOPING COMMONLY AGREED GUIDELINES, PROBABLY WITHIN THE GATT FRAMEWORK, WHEN SUCH SHORT SUPPLY SITUATIONS ARISE.

CONCERNS WERE EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR EBERLE ABOUT U.S. POLICIES RELATED TO TEXTILES, SUGAR, RUM, U.S. DUTY-FREE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 111388

EXEMPTION FOR TOURISTS, AND U.S. COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW. AS TO THE U.S. GSP, PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS GENERATED BY PROVISIONS RELATED TO RULES OF ORIGIN AND THE COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA, AND HOW THESE PROVISIONS WOULD APPLY TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPINGS SUCH AS CARICOM.

AMBASSADOR EBERLE RESPONDED BY STRESSING THAT CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WERE NECESSARY FOR PRODUCTIVE TRADE RELATION-

SHIP ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS TO PREVENT SMALL PROBLEMS FROM DEVELOPING INTO BIGGER ISSUES. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE RECORD SHOWED THAT THE U.S. TOOK THEIR INPUT INTO ACCOUNT WHEN IMPLEMENTING ITS TRADE POLICIES. AMBASSADOR EBERLE THEN STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO CARIBBEAN REQUESTS FOR LOWER U.S. DUTIES ON RUM AND THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER RUM AS A SEPARATE ITEM FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MTN, ALTHOUGH THE U.S. HAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PUERTO RICAN INTERESTS. ON SUGAR, HE SUGGESTED THAT CARIBBEAN PRODUCERS STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON ISSUE OF SIZE OF QUOTA. END QUOTE
RUSH

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRADE VISITS, MEETINGS, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 MAY 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE111388
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: MADAVILA:PW
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740134-0422
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740513/aaaaaldq.tel
Line Count: 128
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 NOV 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 NOV 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <08 JAN 2003 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEMORANDUM OF AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S TRADE CONSULTA- TION IN BARBADOS
TAGS: PFOR, ETRD, US, BB, (EBERLE, WILLIAM)
To: BRIDGETOWN MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005